

## State of New Jersey

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February 25, 2000

Theresa A. Foster, DVM HANOVER VETERINARY HOSPITAL, PA 33 Eagle Rock Ave. East Hanover, NJ 07936

RE: File #00-002 - "Molly" Falcone

Dear Dr. Foster:

This is to advise you that the New Jersey State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners has received and reviewed certain information regarding activity in which you were engaged as a Board licensee. The Board's initial review discloses what appears to be a violation of N.J.A.C. 13:44-4.9 for inadequate patient records in that there is no evidence in the records of any pre-surgical examination of Mrs. Falcone's dog "Molly".

You are hereby offered the opportunity to settle this matter and avoid the initiation of formal disciplinary proceedings by signing the enclosed certification and paying a civil penalty in the amount of \$500. Alternatively, you may waive your right to a hearing and submit a written statement or explanation to the Board. The Board will then consider this statement and render a final decision. You may also request a hearing in which case the matter will be scheduled, and this notice will serve as a complaint. At the hearing you may, either personally or with the assistance of an attorney, submit such testimony or other evidence as you may deem necessary in order for the Board to finally determine whether the unlawful acts set forth herein have been proven.

You should also be aware that upon final evaluation of the evidence submitted at the hearing, the Board may, if unlawful acts are found to exist, assess civil penalties in an amount greater than that herein offered in settlement. Additionally, the Board may, if the facts are found to so warrant, enter an order requiring the restoration of any monies acquired by unlawful acts, the payment of costs and directing that you cease and desist from continued use of those acts found to be unlawful.

The enclosed certification must be returned to the Board with your indicated course of action within ten (10) days following receipt hereof. In the event that the Board receives no response within ten (10) days, the Board will consider you in default, the allegations contained herein shall be deemed uncontested, and the Board will proceed to finally review this matter and enter an appropriate final order.

Yours very truly,

STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY

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MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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**Executive Director** 

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## **CERTIFICATION**

I have	received the Board's letter dated $\frac{\partial /25/CU}{\partial }$ regarding alleged
violations of th	ne Board's enabling act and/or Board regulations.
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Please check o	<u>ne</u> :
	The allegations set forth therein are acknowledged, and I enclose
	herewith a check in the amount of \$payable to the State
	Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners. Assurance is hereby given that
	the conduct alleged in the notice will not continue or recur.
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	I hereby waive any right which I may have to a hearing in this matter and
•	submit a written statement for the Board's final consideration in this
	matter
	A hearing on this matter before the Board is hereby requested. The Board
	may, however, refer this matter to the Office of Administrative Law for
A	hearing.
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Date:	(signature)